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Siding Contractors Sentenced for Filing False Returns, Theft of Sales Tax

Seattle, Wash., June 7, 2005 — The owners of Accurate Siding, Inc., of Kirkland have been sentenced to 60 days of confinement after pleading guilty to filing false state tax returns.

King County Superior Court Judge Laura C. Inveen also ordered Jorge Tapia and his business partner, Robin L. Luther-Tapia, to pay the Washington State Department of Revenue nearly \$65,000 in sales tax they collected but never remitted to the state.

Tapia is known under several alias, including Pablo A. Suarez and Rubin Vedia Calizaya, and Luther-Tapia is also known as Robin L. Mulkey.

The two were investigated by the Criminal Justice Division of the Attorney General's Office after the Department's Audit Division discovered the fraud. The Department revoked the company's business license in September 2004 after it failed to file delinquent combined excise tax returns, pay delinquent taxes, or respond to agency inquiries.

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